

**I CANNONI DI CADORNA  
PROVOCANO ESPLOSIONI  
NELLE LINEE NEMICHE**

**Intense Azioni di Artiglieria  
Continuano sul Fronte del  
Trentino e sul Col  
di Lana**

**COLONNE OSTILI DISPERSE**

ROMA, 15 Maggio.  
Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca:

Lungo la fronte del Trentino, ma specialmente nell'alto Adige e nella zona del Col di Lana, l'artiglieria è stata attivissima e la sua azione intensa. Noi abbiamo respinto piccoli attacchi del nemico contro le nostre posizioni del Monte Cukla e delle alture davanti a Lucinico.

Sull'altopiano del Carso la nostra artiglieria ha provocato una esplosione nelle linee nemiche nelle vicinanze di San Martino ed ha disperso colonne nemiche in marcia nelle vicinanze di Duvino e di Oppacchiasella.

Un comunicato austriaco pubblicato ieri annuncia che gli italiani hanno operato un violento attacco contro le posizioni di San Martino, usando granate a mano, ma che furono respinti dopo una violenta lotta.

Un rapporto del generale Cadorna pubblicato sabato sera dal Ministero della Guerra annunciava che nella Val Sugana continuavano ad osservarsi movimenti di truppe nemiche, di treni e di convogli, spesso disorganizzati dal tiro preciso delle artiglierie italiane non appena scoperti. Sembra evidente che questi movimenti di truppe austriache preludano alla offensiva di cui si è parlato da più parti in queste ultime settimane. Un attacco degli austriaci che pareva un inizio di offensiva al 4 aprile, con ben 14 battaglioni e numerosissime batterie, ma questo attacco fu respinto da per tutto, tanto che gli austriaci lasciarono oltre 200 prigionieri nelle mani degli italiani. L'attacco allora fallì, probabilmente fallì, anche la così detta offensiva che gli austriaci speravano di iniziare con quell'attacco.

Che cosa significano allora questi movimenti di truppe, di artiglierie e di convogli, che ancora si osservano nell'alta valle del Brenta? Probabilmente non sono il preludio di una vera e propria offensiva che l'Austria prenderebbe per tentare di ricacciare gli italiani a sud dei forti di Primolano. Sembra invece che indichino preparativi che lo Stato Maggiore austriaco sta facendo lungo la fronte italiana per trovarsi pronto a fronteggiare l'offensiva italiana, forse anche preparativi di attacchi intesi a sconcertare i piani del generale Cadorna, a ritardarne l'esecuzione. Si tratterebbe insomma di azione di difesa e non di offesa.

Intanto, dopo il fallimento tedesco a Verdun, le forze del Kaiser rivolgono ora i loro sforzi contro le linee inglesi nel Belgio. Un violento attacco è stato già respinto, ma se ne attendono altri. E si parla anche di pace e di passi che il governo tedesco fa fare presso il presidente degli Stati Uniti a questo riguardo. È interessante notare però che il presidente della Francia ha dichiarato che la Francia non vuole che la Germania offra la pace, ma che la chiede, giacché sono gli alleati che devono imporre le condizioni per la cessazione delle ostilità.

Si dice che soldati bulgari e turchi saranno portati in Francia per combattere a fianco dei tedeschi.

**BELGIAN SUCCESS IN AFRICA**  
**Chief Town of Ruanda Occupied by  
General Smuts' Forces**

HAVRE, via Paris, May 15.—The Belgian War Office last night issued the following statement confirmatory of the news received yesterday from General Smuts, commander-in-chief of the South African forces invading German East Africa: "Kigari, the chief town of Ruanda, has been occupied by the Belgians. The island of Kiriwiji, in Lake Kivu, has again been occupied."

**American Wounded in France**  
**OTTAWA, May 15.**—Louis Littlefield, of Indianapolis, has been wounded with the Canadian overseas forces.

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**UN NUOVO ESERCITO  
RUSSO IN ASIA MINORE**

**Il Granduca Nicola Minaccia la  
Principale Linea di Comuni-  
cazione Turca**

Mentre una battaglia sembra impegnata ad ovest di Erzerum, dove i turchi hanno concentrato il grosso delle loro forze per opporsi all'avanzata dei russi verso Erzerum, un quarto esercito russo, di cui nulla si era udito finora, è apparso improvvisamente in direzione di Mosu, 200 miglia circa a sud di Erzerum, ed ha conquistato una città turca. Questo esercito si dirige verso la valle del Tigri per tagliare le comunicazioni dell'esercito turco che opera nella zona di Bagdad e che è anche minacciato da un'altra colonna russa proveniente dai monti della Perata. Il granduca Nicola sta mettendo con le spalle al muro i turchi ed i loro ufficiali tedeschi.

Poco di nuovo si ha dalla fronte italiana, dove si sono avute le solite azioni di artiglieria e dove i cannoni italiani hanno fatto esplodere un tratto delle trincee austriache sull'altopiano del Carso, nelle vicinanze di San Martino. Movimenti di truppe austriache sono ancora osservati specialmente nella Val Sugana e spesso sono cannoneggiati dalle artiglierie italiane.

**MANUFACTURERS IN SESSION;  
WILL HEAR NOTED SPEAKERS**  
**Export Trade and Patent Reform  
Among Subjects on Program**

NEW YORK, May 15.—The 21st annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers opened at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here today. The convention will be addressed by speakers of national prominence upon industrial security and the association's activities in the promotion of export trade, patent reform, immigration, accident prevention, fire prevention, industrial education and other important issues.

**ONLY GUNS ACTIVE  
ON VERDUN FRONT**

**German Artillery Batters Avocourt Wood and Hill 304.  
Infantry Rests**

PARIS, May 15.  
Only artillery actions took place on the Verdun front last night, the French War Office announced today. Heavy artillery fire was concentrated on the French positions in Avocourt Wood and on Hill 304, west of the Meuse. The communique states, however, that no infantry assaults were delivered by the Germans.

In the absence of artillery fighting in the sector of the Meuse River attention was strongly directed to the northern end of the battle line, where the Germans delivered heavy attacks against the British front on Sunday.

French military critics, however, look for an early resumption of German pressure against the French at Verdun after the battered German regiments are rested and reorganized. French troops drove the enemy from a front line trench near Verdunvillers, south of the Somme. In the Champagne region the French cleaned out a German work west of Mont Tetu, taking some prisoners.

**1000 ATTENDING GAS MEN'S  
CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH**  
**Association of America Meets With  
Record Attendance**

PITTSBURGH, May 15.—More than 1000 delegates were registered today at the opening of the 11th annual convention of the National Gas Association of America in connection with the annual meeting of the Association of Natural Gas Producers, at the headquarters of the two associations in Mechanical Hall at the Pittsburgh Exposition. It was stated that it was the largest international gathering of natural gas producers ever held in the history of the gas industry. Representatives are here from every gas-producing territory in the United States and Canada.

**TAFT AIDS DEFENSE  
IN RIGGS BANK CASE**

**Ex-President in Witness Box  
Where Guiteau Sat—Appears  
for Institution's Head**

WASHINGTON, May 15.—A former President of the United States appeared in Washington's gloomy old criminal court today to testify in a criminal trial. The witness was Prof. William Howard Taft. He appeared as a character witness for Charles C. Glover, president of the Riggs National Bank, a defendant with two other officials of the institution, charged with perjury.

Mr. Taft's appearance was one of the sensations promised by the defense. It had the desired effect, being presented in dramatic fashion by John B. Stanchfield, counsel for the defense.

The former President occupied the same witness box where Guiteau sat to tell his story of the shooting of President Garfield, and where Mrs. Anna Bradley told her story of the shooting of Senator Brown, of Utah.

His father, Mr. Taft said, was a Yale classmate of George W. Riggs, founder of the bank. When he came to Washington as Solicitor-General he renewed the acquaintance made by his father and then met Glover in a social way. Mrs. Glover and Mr. Taft are friends, he said. He carried an account at the bank and had made investments on Glover's suggestions, he said. His account, he said, "grew as it got into presidential proportions."

He said, in answer to questions, that he had many acquaintances in Washington who knew Glover and gave as his opinion that Glover has a good reputation. Government counsel asked no questions and Mr. Taft was excused.

**Newfoundland May Get St. Pierre**  
**ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 15.**—The possibility of the acquisition of the French colony of St. Pierre by Newfoundland is being discussed in official circles, as a result of conditions arising from the European conflict.

**NEW RULE FOR IRELAND  
MAY FOLLOW VISIT OF  
ASQUITH TO BELFAST**

**Compromise on Home Govern-  
ment and Disarmament of  
All Factions Among the  
Possibilities**

**NATIONALISTS ARE READY**

LONDON, May 15.—Premier Asquith's visit to Belfast today created considerable interest in London. Two possibilities of future action relative to Ireland were contained in the Premier's trip. One related to a compromise on home rule and a new scheme of government for Ireland on a coalition basis, the other to the complete disarmament of all factions in Ireland. It is indicated that whatever is done will be carried out solely on the responsibility of the British Government, for the leaders of the two factions in Ireland, John Redmond, of the Nationalists, and Sir Edward Carson, of the Ulster Unionists, are both in London and, consequently, have no part in any negotiations which the Premier is carrying on. It is understood that the Nationalists would make no objection to giving up their arms if the Ulster Unionists are disarmed. When Lord Wimbourne resigned it was said that the step was being taken in order that the whole conduct of his administration might be examined. The resignation did not acknowledge any dereliction of duties on the part of the Lord Lieutenant.

**Workman Burned by 500-Pound Ingot**  
An employe of the Philadelphia Forge Works, Tacony, was severely burned this morning when a 500-pound ingot, in the process of being cooled, fell on his leg. The Tacony police took the man, Frank Oius, of 4852 Stiles street, to the Frankford Hospital, where physicians say his leg must be amputated.

**JOHN J. COYLE**

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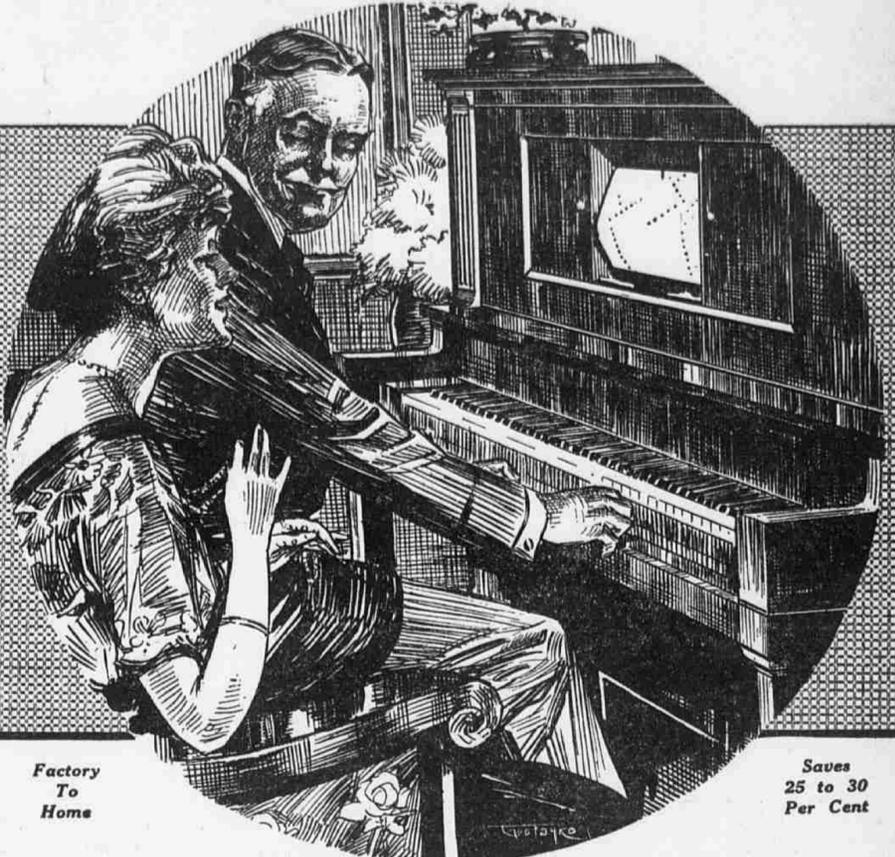
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- Herbert L. Maris, Pres. Fourth Church of Christ (Scientist).
- Henry E. Jones, Clergyman (Presbyterian).
- David K. Wood, Clergyman (Baptist).
- Henry D. McCarthy, Cashier.
- Edw. E. Zacharias, Asst. Sec'y.
- W. Percival Johnson, Builder.
- Lewis Jones, Jr., Real Estate.
- Geo. C. J. Fleck, Plumber Supplies.
- Theo. E. Knapp, Atty.-at-Law.
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